and estimates have been sanctioned but the work is not yet commenced, or plans and estimates have been prepared but are not yet sanctioned, or plans and estimates have not yet been prepared; whether the work is or is not ready to be opened at once and is a useful work, or is not useful except as a means of providing famine labour; the estimated cost at ordinary rates of the whole work and of the portion available for relief, and the number of units who can be employed;

(*c*) in the case of works for which plans and estimates have not been prepared, the approximate figures shall be entered and steps shall be taken as early as possible to survey the works, prepare plans and estimates, obtain sanction to them and enter in the programme the correct figures.

The Superintending Engineer shall scrutinize the district programmes and forward them, with such amendments and additions as he may think necessary, to the Commissioner, who shall submit them with his remarks to Government in the Public Works Department. Final orders of Government approving the programmes should be issued before the expiry of the quinquennium.

(iii) *Reserves of Establishment and Tools*

15. *Record to be maintained by Collectors of non-officials suitable for employment on scarcity or famine relief duties.*—The Collector, in consultation with the Executive Engineer, shall maintain a list of the names of non-officials suitable for employment as charge officers, karkuns on works, mistris or in other professional capacity.

16. *List to be maintained by Collector of persons whose employment on scarcity or famine relief duties is undesirable.*—The Collector, in consultation with the Executive Engineer, shall also maintain a list of the names of those non-officials who have been employed on scarcity or famine duties and whose work has been found to be unsatisfactory, and of other non-officials whose record is known to them to be unsatisfactory.

17. *Reserve of tools.*—Reserves of tools shall always be maintained at such centres in the Presidency as Government may direct, the total number for the Presidency being not less than the following: —

Pavras	...	120,000
Picks	...	100,000
Stone-breaking hammers	...	80,000
Iron baskets (ghamelas)	...	120,000

The Superintending Engineer shall submit yearly inspection reports on these reserves to Government in the Public Works Department by 15th April.

CHAPTER II.—PRELIMINARY PREPARATIONS WHEN SCARCITY IS IMMINENT

18. *Signs of approaching danger.*—Apart from the failure in the rainfall and the movements of prices, the following premonitory symptoms are generally observed:—The contraction of private charity indicated by the wandering of paupers, the contraction of credit, feverish activity in the grain trade, restlessness shown in the increase of crime, unusual movements of flocks and herds in search of pasturage and unusual wandering of people.

19. *Measures to be taken when scarcity threatens.*—On the first warnings of scarcity the following measures shall be taken:—

(*a*) the district and taluka revenue officers shall take all possible steps to encourage the migration of able-bodied labourers, both men and women, to centres where labour is required, and to assist them to do so before their resources are exhausted, bearing in mind that for the general good of the country it is desirable that labour should go where it can be employed on economic works, and that in a year of scarcity when the